

Claims

- [c1] A computer program product embodied in a machine readable media and executable by a processor, said computer program product for use with a computer system having a display screen, a switch, and a pointing device for moving a cursor image on the display screen, said computer program product comprising program instructions for performing the steps of:
- displaying an object on the display screen;
 - displaying a tooltip on the display screen in response to the positioning of the cursor image over the object,
 - continuing to display the tooltip in response to the movement of the cursor from the object to the tooltip.
- [c2] The computer program product of claim 1, wherein the tooltip has an overlapping portion that overlaps the object on the display screen, and a non-overlapping portion that does not overlap the object on the display screen, and the step of continuing to display the tooltip is in response to the movement of the cursor from the object to the overlapping portion of the tooltip, followed by the movement of the cursor from the overlapping portion to the non-overlapping portion of the tooltip.
- [c3] The computer program product of claim 1, further comprising program instructions for performing the step of removing the tooltip from the display screen in response to the movement of the cursor both off the object and off the tooltip.
- [c4] The computer program product of claim 2, wherein the tooltip includes a hyperlink displayed within the tooltip, further comprising program instructions for performing the step of displaying on the display screen linked data in response to the cursor being positioned over the hyperlink within the tooltip and the activation of the switch.
- [c5] The computer program product of claim 3, wherein the tooltip includes a hyperlink displayed within the tooltip, further comprising program instructions for performing the step of displaying on the display screen linked data in response to the cursor being positioned over the hyperlink within the tooltip

and the activation of the switch.

- [c6] The computer program product of claim 1, further comprising program instructions for performing the step of removing the tooltip from the display screen in response to the movement of the cursor both off the object and off the tooltip.
- [c7] The computer program product of claim 6, wherein the tooltip includes a hyperlink displayed within the tooltip, further comprising program instructions for performing the step of displaying on the display screen linked data in response to the cursor being positioned over the hyperlink within the tooltip and the activation of the switch.
- [c8] The computer program product of claim 1, wherein the tooltip includes a hyperlink displayed within the tooltip, further comprising program instructions for performing the step of displaying on the display screen linked data in response to the cursor being positioned over the hyperlink within the tooltip and the activation of the switch.
- [c9] A data processing system for use with a display screen, a switch, and a pointing device for moving a cursor image on the display screen, said data processing system comprising:
means for displaying an object on the display screen;
means for displaying a tooltip on the display screen in response to the positioning of the cursor image over the object; and
means for continuing to display the tooltip in response to the movement of the cursor from the object to the tooltip.
- [c10] The data processing system of claim 9, wherein the tooltip has an overlapping portion that overlaps the object on the display screen, and a non-overlapping portion that does not overlap the object on the display screen, and the means for continuing to display the tooltip is in response to the movement of the cursor from the object to the overlapping portion of the tooltip, followed by the movement of the cursor from the overlapping portion to the non-overlapping portion of the tooltip.

- [c11] The data processing system of claim 10, further comprising means for removing the tooltip from the display screen in response to the movement of the cursor both off the object and off the tooltip.
- [c12] The data processing system of claim 11, wherein the tooltip includes a hyperlink displayed within the tooltip, further comprising means for displaying on the display screen linked data in response to the cursor being positioned over the hyperlink within the tooltip and the activation of the switch.
- [c13] The data processing system of claim 10, wherein the tooltip includes a hyperlink displayed within the tooltip, further comprising means for displaying on the display screen linked data in response to the cursor being positioned over the hyperlink within the tooltip and the activation of the switch.
- [c14] The data processing system of claim 9, further comprising means for removing the tooltip from the display screen in response to the movement of the cursor both off the object and off the tooltip.
- [c15] The data processing system of claim 14, wherein the tooltip includes a hyperlink displayed within the tooltip, further comprising means for displaying on the display screen linked data in response to the cursor being positioned over the hyperlink within the tooltip and the activation of the switch.
- [c16] The data processing system of claim 9, wherein the tooltip includes a hyperlink displayed within the tooltip, further comprising means for displaying on the display screen linked data in response to the cursor being positioned over the hyperlink within the tooltip and the activation of the switch.